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Man Sentenced to Prison for Alhambra Car Crash

A 29-year-old man was sentenced today to 12 years in state prison for driving under the influence of alcohol and causing a vehicular collision that injured several bystanders, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Sept. 29, defendant Ismael Soto pleaded no contest to all counts in case GA095378 in an open plea to the court: driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury within 10 years of two other DUI offenses; driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury within 10 years; driving when privilege suspended or revoked for DUI conviction; and driving a vehicle not equipped with an ignition interlock device when driving privilege was restricted.

The open plea means a sentence was not negotiated with the District Attorney's Office.

Soto also admitted special allegations that he inflicted great bodily injury to more than one victim in the commission of the crime; the defendant drove at an excessive speed; and that he had a blood alcohol content in excess of .20 percent.

Additionally, the defendant admitted he was previously convicted in 2013 of driving while having a .08 percent or higher blood alcohol content and driving when privilege suspended or revoked.

Deputy District Attorney Sonia Govea, who prosecuted the case, said on the evening of Dec. 14, 2014, Soto drove while under the influence of alcohol and crashed his car into parked vehicles.

The collision injured a group of people who were close to the crash located near Fremont Avenue and Poplar Boulevard in Alhambra, the prosecutor added.

Soon after the incident, the defendant was arrested in connection with the crash.

The case was investigated by the Alhambra Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.